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Continuing Power

By William L. Trimyer
CHRIST CONTINUING AND POWER
Lesson for March 6, 1983
Bible Study Passages: Acts 1:4-14
INTRODUCTION

When people die they leave a legacy about themselves that inspires the living. A Bible prof I had in college died in an automobile accident almost ten years ago, but his influence upon me is still evident. My grandmother has been dead for twelve years, but her compassionate spirit and affirmation of me continue to strengthen me.

We each have buried friends and acquaintances who left their mark upon us. Perhaps a day never ends where their influence has not aided us unawares. In many ways they continue to live on and inspire us. Their memory serves us in our struggles with life.

Jesus died and left his own legacy. He is certainly a man of fame and influence. But Jesus left us something more than any person can leave us, namely, his continuing presence and power. His epitaph is not engraved anywhere on a tombstone. He is still alive, active, and giving his power to those who would become the sons and daughters of God. We can't talk about Jesus in the past tense. This week's lesson focuses upon the final scenes of our Lord's earthly pilgrimage, and upon the power he imparts to his disciples.

His Promise Of Power (Acts 1:4-8)

Last week's lesson dealt with some of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. These intimate encounters were utilized by Jesus to re-establish fellowship with his disciples and to impart to them his power. During these times he also sought to impress upon them that their mission was to carry out his mission.

Jesus also encouraged his disciples with his promise of a paraclete, one who would stand alongside them in their mission work. Jesus promised that he would not leave them without a comforter, namely the Holy Spirit.

The disciples would need his power if they would fulfill their mission in "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria ... the uttermost part of the earth."

His Departure And Return (Acts 1:9-11)

Jesus remained in his early resurrected state for forty days. During this time he visited among his followers and taught them many important things. Still, things changed that day as Jesus departed from the disciples. The disciples stood awestruck over his verticle departure. Did this mean he was gone forever? They were encouraged by two men in "white apparel" who announced that Jesus would one day return. They may have wondered what the future held for them now that Jesus had ascended. Their immediate response was to hover together in prayer in an upper room.

Together Again In The Upper Room (Acts 1:12-14)

Following his ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. We note with interest that Jesus' mother was present in the "upper room" along with other women. Together they patiently waited for the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

The scriptures tell us that Jesus will return in the same manner that he left. History is moving toward some climax when Christ will return as judge to claim what is naturally his.

A number of people enjoy waging a battle of wits in order to guess when this might happen. Such guesswork is actually a waste of valuable time. Jesus himself did not know the day or hour of this event. We are to remain concerned about the business at hand, namely, carrying on the mission of proclamation and service to humanity.

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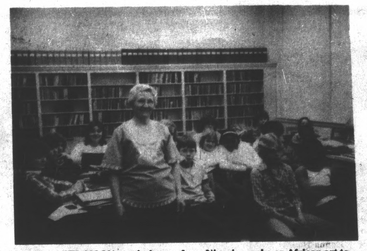

MISS HAZEL MOON, a missionary from Nigeria, spoke on African art to art students at Appomattox Middle School. Miss Moon was in Africa for 34 years as a missionary nurse. She brought to share with the students homewoven clothes, snake skins, musical instruments, leather handicrafts, jewelry, and stories of interest from her days in Africa. Miss Moon spoke on African culture and the ways America has influenced Africa.

Mt. Airy news

The regular church business meeting will be held at Mt. Airy Baptist Church Friday night at 7 p.m.

The pastor and the deacons are sponsoring "Men in Color" the first Sunday night in March at 7 p.m.

The Echoes of Glory will perform on the second Sunday in March at 3 p.m. The program will benefit the Young Adult Choir.

The combined choirs will sponsor a key rally the third Sunday in March at 3 p.m. This event will be for the benefit of the Organ Fund.

The Appomattox County High School Chorals will be in concert on the fourth Sunday in March at 7 p.m. at Mt. Airy Church. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Junior Choir.

We are happy to report that most of our members and friends who were hospitalized are home improving nicely. Let us all pray for everyone.

Have a good week.

Assembly meeting slated

The Appomattox Assembly will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Mar. 3 in the Appomattox Middle Scholl Annex at 7:00 p.m.

All members are urged to be present for the second reading of the articles of incorporation.

Get your tickets early for the March 25 talent show.

The Assembly expresses great sorrow in the untimely death of one of its members, Mrs. Christine Washington.

Jordan Church news notes

On the first Sunday in March, March 6, the Powatan Youth Singers will be in concert here for the benefitof the Usher Board.

On Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. the Young Adult Choir will practice.

Regular preaching will be held the second Sunday at 5:30.

The Senior Choir and the Song Committee will have their business meeting on March 7 beginning at 7. They will practice March 10 with Mrs. Womack.

On the third Sunday in March at 7 the Heavenely Five will be in concert here on March 19. the Young Adult Choir will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper at Oakville School. The supper will begin at 5:30.

The Gospel Harmonettes will be celebrating their 11th anniversary on the fourth Sunday in March at 6:00.

Edwards is guest speaker

The Rev. John Edwards of Pamplin will preach at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church, Hurtsville, the first Sunday in April at 3 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service is sponsored by Nellie Berkley.

Mt. Shiloh news

The Appomattox County Voters League met last Monday night. President Herbert Fleshman and Mr. Arthur Chilton discussed highlights of the meeting of the Fifth District Voters League they attended in Halifax.

All present members and those interested in joining are urged to attend the monthly meetings, Monday after the fourth Sunday in each month at 7:30 p.m. Places will be announced in this newspaper.

The Willing Workers Club cordially invites you to attend their anniversary the third Sunday in March at 3 p.m. The members are asking that each church be cordially invited to attend.

On last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Turner and family of Richmond visited their relatives in Spout Spring.

Galilee news

Salutations to all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are happy to greet you once more and invite you to regular preaching and worship services at Galilee this coming Sunday School classes will proceed the morning services. The Senior Choir of our church will provide vocal selections. Senior choir rehearsal will be at 5:30 Saturday.

The Ushers' Board has prepared a grand afternoon of worship for our friends and members. Their anniversary will be celebrated this coming Sunday at 3 p.m. The Rev. Raymond Turner and his guest choir will share with us in this special service.

The YSD Singers will prepare for rehearsal on Wednesday before the third Sunday in March. We extend an invitation to all youth who wish to participate in our rehearsals and services. Please contact Mrs. Mable Goode, Mr. Melvin Johns and Mr. Ronald Andrews.

Mrs. Dorothy Stevens wishes to remind all church clerks regarding the response to the cancer appeal. Please return the requested information at your earliest convenience.

Pastor Davis has outlined activities for the holy week services. The week-long celebration will convene with the Promise land and Galilee Baptist Churches. Please consult our church bulletins for further information.

Mrs. Clara McFay, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fleshman, Brothers Robert, Charles and Virgil Fleshman, Mr. Larry Hamlett, Mr. Albert Dillard and Mr. Welton Fleshman attended the funeral services for Mr. Willie Jones, son-in-law of Mrs. McFay. Mr. Jones was buried on Sunday at 2 p.m. in Newport News, Va. We extend our sympathy to sister Bea and her family.

We are very happy to report that Sister and Brother Willie Harvey have returned home and are improving nicely. Brother Aurelius Watts is home and improving. Let us pray for Sister Margaret Forest who is hospitalized.

Our sympathy is extended to the Washington and Walker families of the Hixburg community. Let us pray that God will continue to sustain them in their distress.

Mrs. Barbara Wesley, of Pamplin, is improving. She desires our prayers.

Have a pleasant week and may God bless you all. As we prepare for his return let us love our neighbors and pray without ceasing.

We would like to thank our members and friends for remembering Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Sr. on his birthday, March 3.

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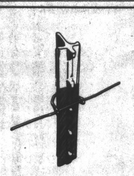

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Donna Kay Hodges to marry John Barry Joy

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawrence Hodges of Pamplin announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Donna Kay Hodges to Mr. John Barry Joy of Lynchburg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Joy of Brookneal.

The bride elect is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and attended Central Virginia Community College. She is employed as a Data Analyst by Moral Majority, Inc.

The groom elect is a graduate of William Campbell High School and is employed by Southern Air, Inc.

The wedding will take place on July 30 at seven o'clock in the evening at the Evergreen Baptist Church, Evergreen. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Donna Hodges and John Barry Joy

Melanie McCormick weds

The marriage of Melanie Jane McCormick to Jeffery Constantino took palce Saturday, February 26, in the home of her parents, with the Rev. Dott Bryan, pastor of Maple Grove Baptist Church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCormick, Jr. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Constantino of Spring Hill, Florida.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Angela Moore of Appomatox was maid of honor, and attendant.

Robert Worley, nephew of the bridegroom, was best man.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School.

The bridegroom attended Spring Hill High School. He is employed in Clearwater, Florida.

The couple will live in Spring Hills, Florida.

Miss Gagneur to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Norman B. Gagneur are proud to announce the engagement of daughter, Ramana Diane, to Mr. Jeffrey Alan Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie R. Martin, all of Appomattox.

Miss Gagneur is a 1981 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed with International Circuit Technology in Lynchburg.

Mr. Martin is a 1980 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently serving with the United States Air Force.

A private wedding is being planned for April 23, 1983 at 3 p.m.

Ramana Diane Gagneur and Jeffrey Alan Martin

Although no invitations will be sent all friends and relatives are invited to attend. The reception at 4 p.m. at the WOW Building in Appomattox.

Woman's Club to meet

The Appomattox Woman's Club will meet on Saturday, March 12, at 12 noon at St. Anne's Episcopal Church for a luncheon.

The program will be presented by the Home Life Department. Linda Stewart will give a needle craft demonstration, candlewicking, cross stitch, etc.

All members are urged to make plans to attend. Please make reservations by calling Mary Frances Bryant, Chairman, Telephone 352-8769; or Ruth Webb, 352-5382; or Edith Scruggs 352-8739.

Miss Almond to wed

Mrs. Janie Almond of Pamplin is proud to announce the marriage of her daughter, Rita Gray Almond, to Mr. James Melvin Baldwin, also of Pamplin.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Reggie H. Almond.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Baldwin of Richmond.

The ceremony was performed Feb. 26, 1983 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by Mr. Monte Mays of Appomattox, the home of Mrs. Frances Brown, aunt of the bride.

Those attending the wedding were Mrs. Ava Almond, grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Rachel Stanley and Miss Alice Stanley, all of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brown and Ben, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hamlett, Delores and Donna, all of Evergreen; Mrs. Myrtle Price, Miss Cindy Varner, Mr. Ralph Hamlett, Mrs. Patsy Richardson and Sabrina, all of Pamplin.

The reception was held at the home of Mrs. Frances Brown of Pamplin, and was given by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Patsy Richardson and Sabrina and Mrs. Wanda Brown.

The couple will make their home in Pamplin.

Shower honors bride-elect

A miscellaneous shower was held Sunday, Feb. 27, at Evergreen United Methodist Church honoring bride-elect Robin Bollinger.

Hostesses were Mrs. Jack Baker, Mrs. Gordon Staples, Mrs. James Womack, all of Evergreen, and Mrs. Herman Yeatts of Crewe. An earthtone color scheme was used to decorate the table.

Those in attendance included Mrs. James Bollinger, stepmother of the bride-elect, Mrs. Doris Harvey, mother of the groom-elect, Mrs. Violet Edmonds, grandmother of the bride-elect. Mrs. Pearl Wilson and Mrs. Odelle Harvey, both grandmothers of the groom-elect, and many other friends and relatives of Miss Bollinger and Mr. Harvey.

Oakville club plans meeting

The Oakville Home and Garden Club will have an all-day meeting Tuesday, March 8 beginning at 11 a.m. In the morning there will be a business meeting followed by a program on "Color In Your Wardrobe" by Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin and Mary Anne Wheeler.

After lunch, members will finish the quilt that was started at the February meeting. This quilt top was started by Mrs. Ruby Lewis and given to the club by her family. The quilt squares were finished by Mrs. Claude Moore, Mrs. Jessalyn Burcher and Mrs. Vera Moore. The quilt will be sold at a later date to raise money for the club.

Club members are requested to bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be furnished.

Hostesses are Mrs. Jessalyn Burcher, Mrs. Rebecca Covington and Mrs. Beverly Bowman.

All members are requested to make plans to attend the meeting.

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MARIA DAWN BEASLEY, 4, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beasley, Sr. of Appomattox entered the Miss Hill City Beauty Pageant held on Sunday, February 20, at the Holiday Inn in Lynchburg and came away a winner! In the first phase of competition she received a trophy as first place winner in the Princess Party Gown 1983 competition. She was also the winner of a crown and trophy as first runner-up for Miss Hill City Princess. In the second half of competition, she won the Valentine Personality 1983 trophy and the Miss Valentine 1983 crown and trophy. This is the second pageant in which Maria has participated. (Photo by Bill Sherrod).

Mrs. Carwile surprised

Mrs. Gladys Carwile, Rt.1, Pamplin was surprised on Wed., Feb. 23, when her granddaugnter, Mrs. Edna Womack, celebrated her birthday with a crepe luncheon in the Womack home with twenty friends and relatives present.

She received many nice and useful gifts.

Those present were; Mrs. Mattie Harvey, Mrs. Manie Harvey, Miss Janie Dickerson, Mrs. Edith Driskill, Mrs. Lorene Harris, Mrs. Myrtle Carwile, Mrs. Shirley Morris, Mrs. Audrey Eppes, Mrs. Jessie Carwile. Mrs. Gladys Harvey, Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Mrs. Odelle Harvey, Mrs. Homie Scruggs, Mrs. June Gilliam, Mrs. Christine Whitehead, Mrs. Diane Gilliam, Mrs. Mary Carwile and daughter, Amber, Mrs. Christine Ranson and Mrs. Jean Motley.

Benefit dance is set

There will be a round and square dance this Saturday (March 5) at the Pamplin Fire Hall from 9 p.m. until midnight. Music will be provided by the Westbound Band.

This dance is being sponsored by the Friendly Hearts Club.

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Patty Harris is married

The marriage of Patty Lee Harris to Robert Edward Keeler took place Saturday, Feb. 12, 1983 at the home of the officiating ministers, The Reverends Clarence and Sally Bowen in Pamplin.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keith Harris of Evergreen. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Patricia Murden of Appomattox and Mr. Richard P. Keeler of Lynchburg.

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craddock, Mrs. George Craddock, all of Virginia Beach spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. Edna Anderson. Mrs. George Craddock spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Janie Chernault.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craddock, Mrs. George Craddock and Mrs. Edna Anderson visited their brother-in-law, Wendell McMinn in the Lynchburg General Hospital on Saturday afternoon.

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Mr. and Ms. Linday Hamlett of Farmville, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bailey of Roanoke visited Mrs. Edna Anderson on Saturday evening.

Homemakers plan to meet

The Oakville Extension Homemakers will meet at the school, March 3, 1:30 p.m. The program, "Basic Gardening Skills" will be presented by Mrs. Louise Kruschwitz.

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